
COLORADO/WYOMING NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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EDITOR'S COMMENT

This is your new "acting" editor, Allen Nye. I say acting because the board voted to pay anyone to put out a Newsletter for \$100-. If there is someone who wants this job, please call me at (719) 579-0171. I am not getting paid.

<HOT NEWS>

The Cheyenne Coin Club is once again in business. They meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM at the main fire station. They can be contacted via:

Cheyenne Coin Club
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510 W. Lincoln Way
Cheyenne, WY, 82001
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< VERY IMPORTANT > THE DUES FOR 2001

All regular members send their dues (\$5) to:

CWNA
POB 102136
Denver, Colo., 80250-2136

MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2000 CWNA BOARD MEETING

This board meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM in the Lon Chaney Theatre of the Colorado Springs City Auditorium during the Colorado Springs Clubs' coin show. President Tom Hallenbeck called the meeting to order with Andy Breakey, Allen Nye, Don Koontz and Jerry Morgan present thereby constituting a quorum. There were four guests.

The "Minutes" of the February 19, 2000 CWNA Membership & Board Meetings were corrected to include Howard Hinsey as one of the guests present and approved unanimously as presented. No treasurer's report was given.

The educational seminars which had just been completed were deemed a success with attendance of approximately ten guests for each speaker.

Once again no nominations were received for the scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar. Don Koontz made a motion as many as four scholarships be awarded to the 2001 ANA Summer Seminar. Jerry Morgan moved to table the motion which passed unanimously.

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Andy Breakey as "webmaster" reported his committee had no progress with the ANA in setting up a web page.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Koontz presented his written proposal, "Fifty State Quarters Program and Colorado's Involvement in 2006". This represented his approach in getting the collectors and the CWNA involved in the quarter design for the state of Colorado. Further discussion to take place at the next meeting.

Guillermo Hernandez of the Denver U.S. Mint gave a brief summary of procedures to be followed in selecting the quarter design.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Prepared by Jerry Morgan, Secretary/Treasurer
PRELIMINARY/SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We can all say goodbye to Y2K, and welcome in the next millennium with what promises to be an exciting 2001. We're seeing a resurgence in coin collecting across the United States, from small regional clubs to our national coin club, the ANA located right here in Colorado.

The CWNA has to figure out where we fit into the puzzle. In the year 2000 the CWNA held a couple of meetings (in Castle Rock and in Colorado Springs) and put on a day of seminars during the Colorado Springs coin show. Outside of those events, not much was accomplished. We need a few energetic individuals to help the CWNA focus on our objective, which is education. We've got to figure out the best way to serve the coin collectors in Colorado and Wyoming.

Our next meeting will be held at the Village Inn, in Castle Rock at 2:00 PM on Saturday February 24th. We will be electing new officers, so we need as many members there as possible. We also can use some new, fresh ideas. If you need a ride or would like to carpool, give an officer a call.

One of numerous items on the agenda is a donation to the new Cheyenne Coin Club that just started up a short while ago, a little "seed money" so to speak. There has also been a proposal to give a sum to the ANA for their building renovation. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

The CWNA also needs to coordinate our role in the upcoming ANA convention in Denver in the summer of 2004. The sponsor club will be the Denver Coin Club, but all of the collectors in the Rocky Mountains need to get involved, since the ANA is such a large convention with all sorts of events going on simultaneously. We need to start planning for the event now, 2004 isn't as far away as it might seem.

Speaking of not far away, the Colorado quarter is scheduled for the middle of 2006.....

The CWNA has a lot to offer, we've just got to get the ball rolling, and the easiest way is to come to our annual meeting, and lets have some fun!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Subject: What is going on ??

CWNA membership is decreasing both in numbers and interest. Some possible reasons are noted below, in my opinion.

1. It appears we are now sliding back to a condition we had several years ago, i.e. leaving the members in the dark, and hope they stay active, except we now have money that doesn't get spent for the good of all members. No newsletter or even a single/double sheet flyer has been published to maintain some contact with the membership. It was voted on early in the year to pay an editor to produce a letter, but it seems nothing has really happened. If the pay-to-edit plan is not in the near future, maybe CWNA should consider the single/double sheet "newsletter" as a interim measure.
2. The present membership consists of 88 individual members and 11 clubs. There are 30 individual (34%) life members many who are not active due to health or other reasons. This is a rather high percentage. With all the reported increase in collector interest, all officers/board should be making a personal effort to bring more people into CWNA, maybe by letter or personal appearances and see what they can do to get dropped members to rejoin or recruit new members. Review of a membership list sorted by zip-code will show some area with NO members. These areas might deserve a special effort by CWNA in form of visits, letters, etc.
3. Early in the year I mentioned to several officers/board members the membership application looked very "bland" and thought it was in need of an update to include such positive things as the scholarship program and other efforts CWNA has sponsored. I was under the impression this would happen and all the officers/board would carry the new applications with them to distribute wherever they found people with interest in coin collecting. I never see an application in a coin shop or at a club meeting, as examples.
4. I think the scholarship program mentioned above suffered from immense under exposure and as a result almost no interest was shown by any clubs or members. Before any drastic changes are made, I think the all the members should be informed what the exact rules and requirements are. I understand there is a effort to award the backlog inn one large lump sum. I think this would be totally wrong. I do not know if the "rules" contain a limit on how many members in one club can get an award or limit to the number of times a member may get a grant. If not these should be considered and a new set of requirements and rules be sent to each member and/or club to be read. Again

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I feel the lack of participation in this program has been due to an under informed membership.

Recommendations/ideas

1. Why not SET a GOAL for each of the officers/board to "enlist" (15-20%) of the membership of each of the club/clubs in their area into CWNA? This has never been done.
2. Set up a 2-4 case exhibit to be placed in every show, even if space must be rented.. This might encourage new CWNA members by showing some history, programs in progress, new application blanks, etc. in an effort to show "WHAT CWNA REALLY IS". Many area collectors don't know and many more don't care. Again with the "increase" in collectors interest this should pay off with some new members. Why not try it?
3. Communication with many clubs is poor and the reverse is also true, so why not set up a system where at least every 2 months a "news release" from CWNA is received by each club secretary, with a note requesting the release be read to the membership. Also request input from the club as to what things CWNA could do to be helpful.

I realize I am probably one of a few letter writers, but I hope this effort might be helpful toward a successful CWNA.

Robert Davis